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118th Anniversary
St. James A. M. E. Church

510 S. Main Street
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

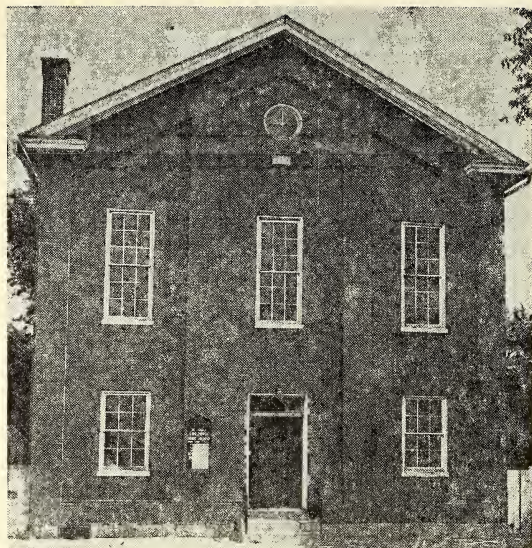


September 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, October 3 and 6, 1957

THE RIGHT REVEREND GEORGE W. BAKER, Presiding Bishop

DR. WILLIAM A. FLAMER, Presiding Elder

THE REVEREND CLOYDE H. WILSON, Pastor



ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH

History of St. James A. M. E. Church

From a rude log structure with upright pieces and a slab board for seats, to a structure valued at \$50,000, such is the progress made by the St. James A. M. E. Church. It was in August 1839, that a group of earnest Christians met and purchased from the Catholics for \$100.00 the site now occupied. It was not until 1865 that, under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Davis, the present building was constructed.

The first trustees were James Punch, Samuel Williams, Alexander Lewis, Charles Moore, Robert Campbell, A. Barton, and Charles Scott. Later trustees included Ashby Grigsby, William Pinns, Taylor Curtis, Grant Grigsby, John Jackson, John Napper, Champ Green, Timothy Gibson, Richard Downey, Moses Wells, George Williams, James Doleman, Joseph Sellers, Frederick Baltimore, Charles Hall and Harry Johnson.

Some of the stewards were John Cager, Lewis, Parker, Lewis Jones, Arthur Wells, Frederick Tall and Manuel Ward. The stewardess board included Mrs. Martha Well, Henrietta Smith, Emma Braxton, Nellie Duffin, Liizzie Jackson, Annie Brown, Annie Thomas Ransom, Mary Christian, Lizzie Robinson, Hannah Howard, Lydia Compton, Janie Taylor and Bertha Wilson.

Local preachers who served the church were Elijah Hamlett, George Bell, F. H. Harris, William Grant, John Proctor and R. O. Napper, the latter having been later ordained and after serving various appointments was appointed Presiding Elder of the Harrisburg District and is presently serving the A.M.E. Church in Darby, Pa. Rev. E. Harvey Norris also served as local preacher, was ordained and pastored at several churches in the Philadelphia Conference.

The first improvement of importance was a complete renovation of the church under the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Slade in 1930. Also under the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Cook an electric organ was installed. This was a far cry from the melodeon, played by Jacob Plum, which furnished music for the early church. It may also be noted in passing that Rev. Cook was elevated to the presidency of the Chambersburg Ministerium during his stay in the Cumberland Valley town.

Ministers who have served the church include Revs. W. H. Davis, W. H. Hopkins, James Fulton, James Peyton, J. S. Thompson, J. H. Davis, D. W. Smith, Thomas H. Moore, G. W. Bradie, J. T. Mitchell, W. H. Ross, F. Evans, D. P. Brown, Wm. Steward, Joseph Stiles, S. T. Burch, J. H. Hill, J. H. Thomas, Paris Daker, E. T. Bruce, J. C. V. Burbage, S. George Dorce, Hodson Waters, Henry Young, J. H. Young, Rev. Pierson, B. B. Fisher, J. C. Bell, J. H. Slade, J. H. Dandridge, Rev. Queen, P. C. Williams, J. J. Martin, Revs. Abner, Hamlin, Cook and Cooper.

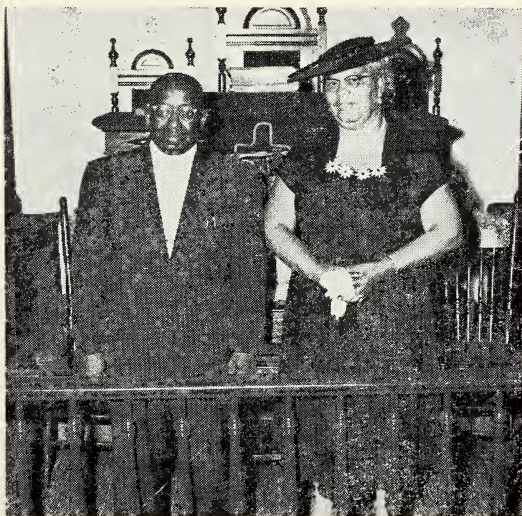
Many years later members have, by their services and tangible donations, contributed to the progress of the church. The furniture in the chancel is a living memorial to Mrs. Susan Downey, The communion service now in use was a gift from Mr. Marshall Williams.

The history of St. James would not be complete without paying tribute to such devout members as Mrs. Frances Ford, who, for many years was superintendent of the Sunday School, leader of the choir and an active member in various auxiliaries; also to A. C. Wells, a class leader, a trustee and a churchman in the fullest sense of the word. There are many more whose influence still hovers over this sanctuary.

The church has benefitted by two liberal bequests, the one by a well-wisher, Mr. Samuel Myers, in the amount of \$1000.00. The other was that received from the estate of Mrs. Margaret V. Baltimore, the amount of \$2403.71. Special tribute must be paid to Mrs. Baltimore not only for her generosity but also for sixty years or more of unselfish devotion to her church and her interest in young people. Many will ever remember her method of driving home a Christian truth by means of object lessons.

It is altogether fitting and proper that this history should close with respectful mention of the present pastor, Rev. C. H. Wilson, whose seven years of service attests his success as a pastor and leader. He can point with pride to the complete renovation of the church and parsonage as his greatest achievement.

Mrs. Edna Knapper
Mrs. Rebecca Hall
Mrs. Amanda Sellers



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ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 A.M., Church School 11:00 A.M., Worship

Anniversary Sermon by the Pastor

3:00 P.M. SERVICES

Conducted by Rev. J. R. Fortune, Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, York, Pa.

Music by the York Choir

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Mercersburg and Cito Night

Speaker, Rev. Charles Johnson

Music by Mercersburg and Cito Choirs

The Senior Choir in charge.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Club and Auxiliaries Night

Speaker, Rev. J. C. Covington

Pastor of John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church

Music by the Wesley Choir

Willing Workers in charge.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

FRATERNAL NIGHT

Speaker, Dr. H. B. Barkley

Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Music by the Bethel Choirs

Steward Boards 1 and 2 in charge.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

YOUTH NIGHT

Speaker, Rev. Paul Sattles
Pastor of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Waynesboro, Pa.

Music by the Waynesboro Choir

Young People in charge.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Judge Chauncey M. Depuy, Speaker

Trustees and Stewards in charge.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:30 A.M., Church School 11:00 A.M., Worship

Sermon by the Pastor.

4:00 P.M. SERVICES

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Conducted by Rev. Philip Accool, Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church
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Music by the Lancaster Choir.

8:00 P.M. SERVICES

Sermonette by the Pastor

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THE FAMILY

PROGRAM
118th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

of

ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH

510 South Main Street

Chambersburg, Pa.

Thursday, October 3, 1957, at 8:00 P.M.

OPENING SONG "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

INVOCATION Rev. John Anderson
Pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

WELCOME ADDRESS Mrs. Mary Y. Mordecai

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INSTRUMENTAL SOLO Mrs. Frances Banks
St. Peter's A. M. E. Church, Shippensburg, Pa.

GREETINGS Honorable George C. Eppinger
District Attorney, Franklin County

GREETINGS From Chambersburg Ministerium

SOLO Mrs. Mary Hannah
St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Coatesville, Pa.

ADDRESS Honorable Chauncey M. Depuy
Presiding Judge of Franklin County Courts

RESPONSE Dr. W. P. Stevenson
Pastor of Monumental A. M. E. Church, Steelton, Pa.

AT THE CLOSE OF THIS PROGRAM THE ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
WILL BE HELD IN THE SOCIAL ROOM OF THE CHURCH.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

I.

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the haromes of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on until
victory is won.

II.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died, Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet, Come to the place which our fathers sighed.
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered.
Out of the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last,
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

III.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on our way;
Thou who has by thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places our God, where we met thee,
Lest our hearts, drink with the wine of the world, we forget thee.
Shadowed beneath thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land.



OUR OLDEST MEMBERS — Mrs. Bertha Wilson, Mrs. Lucy Young

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In Memory of

Mr. Samuel Myers

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St. James A. M. E. Church

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